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SUBJECT: MILITARY EXERCISE FREEDOM TORCH

REF: TOKYO 10681 DTG 050952Z OCT 72

1. FREEDOM TORCH INVOLVES AIRLIFT OF ONE US AIRBORNE
INFANTRY BATTALION TO BE STAGED THROUGH KADENA AFB EN ROUTE
TO DROP ZONE AT OSAN, KOREA.

2. USFJ HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING DETAILS: EXERCISE IS BEING
SPONSORED JOINTLY BY UN COMMAND AND COMUSJAPAN DURING JAPAN
PHASE. CONCEPT CALLS FOR BATTALION OF 630 PARATROOPS FROM
101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION AT FORT CAMPBELL TO ARRIVE AT
KADENA AFB FEBRUARY 18, 1972. SOME 18 HOURS LATER ON
FEBRUARY 19 FOLLOWING PERIOD FOR REST, MESSING AND RE-
RIGGING AT KADENA (TROOPS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED OFF-BASE),
THEY WILL PARADROP AT OSAN, AND LINK UP WITH ROK FORCES TO
COMPLETE EXERCISE. ON FEBRUARY 22 US TROOPS WILL BE TRANS-
PORTED DIRECTLY FROM KOREA TO CONUS WITHOUT STOPPING
IN JAPAN.

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3. GOJ HAS SHOWN NO HISTORY OF SIGNIFICANT OBJECTION TO EXERCISES OF THIS KIND INVOLVING RELATIVELY SMALL UNIT (SEE REFTEL). UNLESS ADDRESSEES HAVE OBJECTION, WE PLAN TO CONCUR WITH CONCEPT FOR JAPAN PORTION OF EXERCISE AND INFORM FONOFF ON NOVEMBER 16, 1973.

4. ABOVE DEADLINE OWING TO NECESSITY FOR MAC TO LET CONTRACTS THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE FOR CIVILIAN AIR CARRIERS TO CARRY CARGO WHICH WOULD ORDINARILY BE CARRIED BY AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN EXERCISE. SHOESMITH
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